

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Previously Presented) An electromagnetic switching device, comprising:
 - an electromagnetic drive apparatus;
 - at least one electrical contact, the contact being movable via a contact link support from a disconnected position to a bridging position by the electromagnetic drive apparatus when a pull-in current is applied to the electromagnetic drive apparatus, the contact being closed in the bridging position and being open in the disconnected position;
 - a basic appliance; and
 - an additional appliance, connected to the basic appliance, the contact link support and the at least one contact being arranged in the basic appliance, the additional appliance including,
 - an extension, connected to the contact link support in such a way that the extension is positively guided by the contact link support, the extension being mechanically blockable by use of a locking element, connectable to the additional appliance and blockable in the disconnected position of the contact, such that the extension, the contact link support and the contact are locked in the disconnected position, even when the pull-in current is applied to the electromagnetic drive apparatus.
2. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the additional appliance includes a locking element holder and the contact is blockable in a the locking element holder by insertion of the locking element.
3. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the locking element holder has parallel sides is that are open on both sides to receive the locking element.
4. (Currently Amended) The switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the locking element holder has parallel sides and is open on only one side.

5. (Previously Presented) The switching device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the locking element is held captive in the additional appliance.
6. (Previously Presented) The switching device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the additional appliance has an additional switch connectable in a circuit via which the pull-in current is applicable to the electromagnetic drive apparatus.
7. (Previously Presented) The switching device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the additional switch is arranged and designed such that it is opened when the contact is mechanically blocked.
8. (Previously Presented) The switching device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the additional appliance is connected to the basic appliance, non-detachably, at least when the contact is mechanically blocked in the disconnected position.
9. (Previously Presented) The switching device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the additional appliance is latched to the basic appliance.
10. (Previously Presented) The switching device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the additional appliance is adjacent to the basic appliance on an appliance side which runs at right angles to a movement direction of the contact link support.
11. (Previously Presented) The switching device as claimed in claim 1, wherein an auxiliary switch housing is connectable to the switching device and includes an auxiliary switch arranged in it, operatable by the contact link support together with the contact.
12. (Previously Presented) The switching device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the auxiliary switch is operatable, directly or indirectly, by the contact link support without any play.
13. (Currently Amended) An additional appliance for an electromagnetic switching device, said additional appliance being connectable to a basic appliance of the electromagnetic switching device, as claimed in claim 1 wherein:

said basic appliance has an electromagnetic drive apparatus and a contact link support;

said contact link support is movable from a first position to a second position by applying a pull-in current to the electromagnetic drive apparatus;

said additional appliance has an extension which is connectable to the contact link support of the basic appliance in such a way that the extension is positively guided by the contact link support;

said extension is mechanically blockable by a locking element that is insertable into the additional appliance when said contact link support is in the first position; and

said contact link support remains in the first position even when the pull-in current is applied to the electromagnetic drive apparatus when the locking element is inserted into the additional appliance.

14.-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) The switching device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the electromagnetic switching device is a contactor.

18.-21. (Cancelled)